

# PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 09/675,264  
Filed: September 28, 2000  
Inventor:  
Nobuyoshi Morimoto

Title: PROCESSING  
APPARATUS AND  
CONTAINER FOR  
SHIPPING ITEMS

**Examiner:** Fureman, Jared  
**Group/Art Unit:** 2876  
**Atty. Dkt. No:** 5596-00500

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Name of Registered Representative,

**Signature**

February 2, 2004

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF  
OCTOBER 31, 2003**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of October 31, 2003, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.**

**Please amend the case as listed below.**

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### CONCLUSION

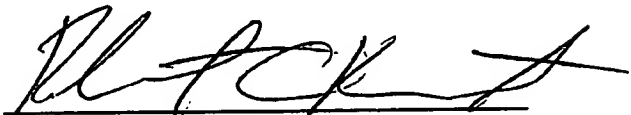
Applicant submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5596-00500/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☐ Fee Authorization Form authorizing a deposit account debit in the amount of \$  
for fees (      ).
- ☐ Other:

Respectfully submitted,



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